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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, December 20.—Last 24 Hours' Rainfall, .00.
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SNAP JUDGMENTS.

The resolution to be presented to the chamber of commerce today for a vote, regarding congressional action on bills affecting this Territory, is open to the identical criticism that is implied in the resolution against the two McCrosson bills. The resolution asks congress not to enact Hawaiian measures into laws before they have been thoroughly considered here, and the resolution itself is an important one that has received practically no general consideration. The chamber of commerce, if it passes the resolution to be placed before it today, will be passing a snap judgment rebuke to snap judgments.

On more than one occasion the chamber of commerce and similar organizations have presented views before congress which they have later regretted, their chagrin resulting from the fact that the resolutions were passed without due consideration and mainly because their presentation and endorsement came from some one or some interest the members preferred not to oppose.

The present resolution is aimed at the McCrosson Bills, but fails to come out plainly and say so. Instead, a resolution, broad in its terms and sweeping in character is presented, the idea being, apparently, that, as the whole includes the part, the McCrosson Bills may be checked without being directly referred to. This is Honolulu's brand of diplomacy.

It fails to take into account, however, the fact that to kill the McCrosson Bills the resolution opens the way to check every other bill that may be presented to congress without first receiving the O. K. of the local legislature or the local commercial bodies, something that might react very unfavorably to Hawaii in some cases. It is not improbable that some of the very men who will be called upon to vote on the resolution today will be confronted with it later on when they have private bills for congressional consideration, bills that it might be important to present for speedy enactment.

It is probably true that no measure broadly affecting the Organic Act should be passed by congress without first having been subjected to local scrutiny; it is just as true that no resolution so broadly affecting the presentation of Hawaiian bills in congress should be passed by the chamber of commerce without first having been broadly considered in the light of its effect upon future proposed legislation. To pass the resolution to be presented today will be to tie up matters not involved in the present row and matters not as yet existent.

If the chamber of commerce wants to go on record as opposed to the enactment of the McCrosson Bills, let the members say so, but do not pass any broad resolutions, all the effect of which can not be known.

GOING OFF AT HALF-COCK.

Before the members of the Republican territorial committee passed their resolution addressed to congress last night, did they consider it? Did they, with open eyes, seriously request congress to take up no Hawaiian measures except at two-year intervals and then only those measure that had been considered in the local legislature, or did they contemplate calling a special session of the legislature before each congressional session to take up for consideration all private bills to be presented? Did the members appreciate the fact that no state legislature ever attempts to handle bills intended for congress and would be simply swamped if they did? Washington will soon have good reason to believe that Hawaii has either gone crazy or is suffering from such a swelling of the community cranium that a few more cold splashes like Cottrill are required as correctives. Let us get back to the level of common-sense, where we can put a little trust in the wisdom of the federal government to know what is proper quite as well as we do.

THE KAU DITCH BILL.

An afternoon paper attempts to twit The Advertiser because this paper, in its Bystander column, pointed out the folly of the blind attack upon the Kau Ditch bill. The Bystander pointing out that the measure was one that had unquestioned merits, one that would reclaim to usefulness a large tract of now useless land and one which would result in an immense benefit to the Island of Hawaii. Regarding the general phraseology of the bill and the fact that it has been drawn for enactment as a general bill, The Bystander had nothing to say. That is a matter for congress to pass upon.

There is plenty of opportunity for discussing this bill on its merits, and because The Advertiser has pointed this out is no reason to suppose that The Advertiser is in favor of the measure as it stands. We prefer to wait until the present hypocritical slobbering over the homesteaders is concluded before we go into the general features of the bill, as presented or as amended.

WALTER G. SMITH.

The Advertiser is unfeignedly glad at the announcement of the early return to Honolulu of Walter G. Smith, who is to rejoin the local newspaper fraternity as editor of the Hawaiian Star. Mr. Smith has proven himself a factor for the good during two previous sojourns in Honolulu, and should return, strengthened by his year on the Coast, in fine fettle for further tilts with the foes of the public weal. The news of his early return, for another thing, will set at rest the recurring report made in this community that in some way the former editor of The Advertiser was forced to leave Hawaii. That report was conceived in malice and circulated by those he left behind, who had never dared face him so long as his health permitted him to remain.

The Advertiser congratulates its contemporary, the Star, on securing the services of Mr. Smith.

In discussing the claims of Doctor Raymond for appointment as city physician it should be remembered that he publicly joined the Republican party at a time when the party leaders were dubious of success and at a time when his renouncement of Democracy on a matter of principle meant something. At that time there was no certainty of any Republican patronage. This should be recalled in justice to Doctor Raymond now, when those opposing him are advancing the claim that his political conversion was made with an eye on the job.

A number of others appear to have joined The Advertiser in "making friends" for John Cathcart. After the near-impeached official recovers sufficiently to ent his crew, he will find that all nature has a smiling face.

When mounted soldiers complain of poor police protection, what must be the position of lady pedestrians in Honolulu?

Half a Million Babies a Year

The most significant feature of the Japanese policy today is its colonization program. On the outskirts of the empire a new race of Japanese is in the making, shaped by the same forces, says a writer in the American Review of Reviews, that have made the pioneers of every zone notable as the most adaptable, open minded and liberty loving of men.

The 50,000,000 population of the empire is being annually augmented by a net increase of 500,000 baby Japanese. For centuries the population of the main and southern islands has been a "saturated solution." A given number die and their room is at once reconquered, but after these are all replaced that 500,000 surplus remains each year without provision.

The expedient most readily hit upon was to aid the emigration of the over-crowded to other countries. Opposition blocked this program, however, immediately in New Zealand and Australia and a little later in the United States and Canada. Thousands entered Mexico and Chile, but the condition of the emigrant was there far less

desirable. Various commissions appointed by parliament were dispatched to the Hoku-kaido, Formosa, Sakhalin, Korea and Manchuria to look the land over and report to Tokyo. With much of junketing, more or less questioning of local officers and some personal investigation these group of colony cruisers returned and Tokyo was advised that the Hoku-kaido could support 10,000,000 additional inhabitants; that Sakhalin was a lean land and her quota must be reckoned only in hundreds of thousands; that Formosa when tamed would absorb specified millions; Korea other millions, and the vast millet plains and forest clearings of Manchuria would accommodate so many millions more.

Wherefore without overfearing the development of these sections, the 500,000 annual emigration on which the computation was based could be placed for fifty years where it would be far more easily within the reach and control of the government, and where it would involve no unpleasant arrangements and possible embroilment with any of the other powers.

THIRTY-THREE YEARS ON SUPREME BENCH

Justice Harlan Celebrates the Anniversary of First Appearance on Tribunal.



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HARLAN.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—John Marshall Harlan, presiding justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, today is doing what only three other men have done in the history of the court. He is celebrating the close of thirty-three years' service on that bench.

On December 10, 1877, Justice Harlan took his place on the bench of the Supreme Court. He was then forty-four years of age. Not only have all the men who were on the bench the first year of his service passed away, but Justice Harlan's service is now twice as long as that of any other member of the present court. Of the sixty-two men who have sat on this bench, Justice Harlan has been an associate with twenty-six.

The three members of the court whose services exceeded that of Justice Harlan were Chief Justice John Marshall, Justice Stephen J. Field and Justice Joseph Story. Both Marshall and Field served more than thirty-four years.

Several months more than seventy-seven years of age, Justice Harlan was performing today his proportion of the work of the court. Besides disposing of the business incumbent upon him as senior associate justice during the vacancy in the chief justiceship, Justice Harlan has written six of the thirty-three opinions announced by the court this term.

THURM'S NEW ANNUAL IS READY FOR SALES

Thurm's Hawaiian Annual for 1911, being the thirty-seventh number of one of the most valuable reference books of information and statistics relating to the Territory of Hawaii, of value to merchants, tourists and educators, has just been issued from the presses of the Gazette company, and is on sale.

This compendium is compiled and published by Thomas G. Thurm, the veteran stationer, and represents an entire year of hard work, resulting in a book of facts which can be absolutely relied upon. It is the recognized book of information about Hawaii, and no tourist should return to his home without putting one away in his trunk, for reference when he gets there. There is something in the annual about almost every place the tourist has seen and it will serve to put him straight when recounting his trip.

The table of contents includes figures upon the area, elevation and population of the islands; dimensions of the volcano of Kilanea, Haleakala; school statistics; census returns for 1910; table of births and deaths and by nationalities; value of shipments to the United States mainland from Hawaii, and imports from all countries; public improvements, expenditures; percentage of sugar in cane; arrival and departure of aliens; Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association statistics; summary of insurance business; bonded debt; taxes by divisions and counties; summary of meteorological observations; Hawaiian sugar crops; cotton culture in Hawaii; historical sidelights; new Kalakaud dynasty tomb; Hawaiian holidays; legends of Kewelo; volcanoes; outdoor allurements; ancient Hawaiian religious beliefs and ceremonies; ancient laws.

ACROBATS AT PARK TOGETHER FOR YEARS

Manager Congdon of the Park Theater is putting on a show this week that, in many respects, is as good as could be seen in any music hall the world over. The acrobatic act of Wilson and Morris almost defies description, and the laugh they get is a continuous one from the time the comedy acrobats step onto the stage till they leave it.

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CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

CADILLAC, December 21.—Wolgaast accepts Moran's challenge to fight within ninety days, the contest to go not less than forty-five rounds, unless a knockout takes place first.



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Army and Navy News

Japan Sees War.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 8.—That Japan must prepare for war with the United States is the text of an article published by the Tokyo Nippon and received today by the steamer Nambu Maru.

The Nippon quotes an anonymous Japanese Vice-Admiral as saying that however regrettable the fact may be, it is none the less incontrovertible that the danger of a breach between Japan and a western power comes chiefly from America's attitude.

"In vain do statesmen and enlightened publicists on each side preach the necessity and demonstrate the reality of mutual friendship," says the Nippon. "None the less from time to time, and even with growing iteration, come from the United States mutterings of hostility which at any moment may develop a strength too great for official control."

"Japan must be prepared for that contingency. She must ask herself what objective this element of United States citizens have in view when they advocate the expenditures of enormous sums on furnishing the Pacific with a

big fleet; of creating a powerful army on the Pacific slope; of building a huge coal depot and naval station in Hawaii, and of fortifying the Philippines, Hawaii and Panama. Unwilling as Japan may be to believe in any quarrel with her old friend, it would be madness for her to shut her eyes to facts which stare her in the face."

Americans in Fleet.

WASHINGTON, December 10.—European critics who labor under the impression that the American Navy is manned in large part by aliens picked up in the open ports of the world may quickly discover their error by reference to the annual report of Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson, chief of the bureau of navigation, just made public.

The admiral shows that of the 30,743 enlisted men other than petty officers in the naval service 91.31 per cent are native born, 2.46 per cent are naturalized, and 41 per cent have declared their intentions of becoming citizens. This leaves actually only a fraction of 1 per cent of aliens resident in the United States and aliens non-resident in the naval service, for making allowance for 2.47 per cent of natives of the colonial possessions, 94.97 per cent of Uncle Sam's bluejackets are actually citizens of the United States. The desertions are rapidly falling off. During the last fiscal year there were 231, compared with 3184 during the preceding year, although there were 947 more men in the service.

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